

Support of Governor Newsom's Exide Budget Proposals

On January 10, 2019, Governor Gavin Newsom issued his first Proposed Budget for FY 2019-20. Among the Governor's proposals includes a substantial loan to the California Department of Toxic Substances and Control (DTSC) to expedite the State's cleanup of the communities contaminated by the Exide battery recycling plant in the City of Vernon.

The Governor's FY 19-20 Proposed Budget includes a loan of \$50.0 million in State General Funds (SGF) on a one-time basis to accelerate the cleanup of approximately 700 additional properties with the highest lead contamination levels and greatest potential for exposure within a 1.7-mile radius of the facility over the next two years.

Additionally, the Administration proposes a loan of \$24.5 million SGF loan, to be available through June 30, 2021, to cover the increased cost of cleanup for the 2,500 properties initially identified. This proposal reflects a revision to DTSC's initial 2016 estimate for the Exide residential cleanup project that did not anticipate certain cleanup-related activities and increases in contractor costs (such as quality assurance sampling contractor, sample storage, project labor agreement, and performance and payment bonds).

Over the last four years, the County has successfully advocated for the State to allocate funding for the cleanup of the communities surrounding the Exide facility. It has been estimated that approximately \$490.0 million additional dollars are needed to clean up the balance of contaminated properties.

Governor Newsom's budget proposal underscores his commitment to the very communities who have been negatively impacted for almost 40 years and deserve

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environmental justice.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

Direct the Chief Executive Office's Legislative Affairs (CEO) to:

1. Send a five-signature letter to Governor Newsom to thank him for his support of our communities impacted by Exide.
2. Send a five-signature letter to the Los Angeles County delegation, and the Chairs of the Assembly and Senate Budget Committees in strong support of the Governor's January Budget Proposals to provide additional resources for the Exide cleanup.